

Subject: CPR Education and Volunteerism, 9/9 Testimony from Malibu Medical Reserve Corps (MMRC)

CPC Commissioners and Ms. Walker:

On behalf of Founder, Volunteer Director and Chief Medical Officer Victor Dorodny and the MMRC team, we thank the CPC Commissioners and Ms. Walker for this unique opportunity to introduce the MMRC to key leaders, decision makers, policy makers, and our citizens. We want to thank the Governor for welcoming us as a Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Member. We welcome the opportunity to work with Go SERV and the First Lady.

The MMRC is registered and operates under an arm of the U.S. Office of Surgeon General. In addition, we operate under the California Office of Emergency Services. We also operate under the Citizen Corps.

Our goal is to develop a Volunteer Medical Reserve Corps composed of traditional and nontraditional providers that live, reside, practice, vacation in Malibu that would be mobilized in the event of a major disaster or terrorist event.

CPC Commissioners, the City of Malibu does not have a hospital nor does it have an emergency department. Hospital choices are limited. Time is often of the essence yet it can also be the enemy. The traffic on PCH is difficult both in terms of numbers of cars, windy road and curves. Yet if one is a trauma patient, there is the golden hour that one is up against.

The MMRC strongly believes in and advocates for the use of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) We believe in Community Access to Defibrillation. Commissioners, please log on to [www.MalibuMRC.org](http://www.MalibuMRC.org) and you will see a slideshow presentation on Community Access to Defibrillation. In addition, the MMRC has created a Mobile Access to Defibrillation Program which is also mentioned on our website.

The MMRC is a strong believer and advocate in the Mobile Surgical Hospital (MSH) concept given the lack of hospital and emergency department. Please log on to our website and view the slide presentation on the Mobile Surgical Hospital.

We are hearing and seeing closure of emergency departments and hospitals throughout LA County. The Emergency Department at Northridge Hospital Sherman Way campus is the latest casualty. The Malibu MMRC has expressed its willingness to assist and contribute if asked and in any way we can. We can be valuable in meeting secondary hospital staffing needs, a true partnership and collaboration which will benefit our community and citizens.

The MMRC thanks CPC Commissioners and Ms. Walker for the opportunity to introduce MMRC to you and to Californians in key segments and constituencies as the CPC takes comment and testimony and as the CPC reports and forwards recommendations to the Governor and Legislature.

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